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G. O. P. IS ANSWERED
BY SENATOR STONE

Holds Charge of Surrender to Force in 8-Hour Law Weak, Because False.

SAYS PUBLIC SENTIMENT DEMANDED ACTION TAKEN

Sorry to Behold Spectacle of "Mr. Hughes, Hard Driven, Appealing to Special Interests."

CHICAGO, September 20.—"A Word About the So-Called Eight-Hour Law as Related to Railroad Operators," by William J. Stone, United States senator from Missouri, was issued by the western national democratic headquarters here today. Accompanying the statement is an assertion that Senator Stone was representing the thought of the administration on the subject. The statement said, in part:

"Messrs. Hughes, Roosevelt, Root, Lodge, Penrose, Crane, Pierpont Morgan, George W. Perkins and that other fire-breathing assembly of the President and Congress have rendered to force and thereby discredited public authority and weakened the foundations of our governmental institution.

"One weakness about this charge is that it is false. Nobody threatened the President or Congress; nobody demanded anything of them. There was no controversy between the government and the railroad companies, nor between the government and the railroad management. The controversy was purely industrial, waged between several hundred thousand men who actually operate trains on the one hand and the managers of the railroads on the other.

Trouble Reached Acute Point.

"The trouble had reached a point so acute that these hundreds of thousands of men were on the verge of a strike; they were about to quit work, and thus leave the entire nation tied up for an indefinite period."

"The statement then points out that while the crisis existed senators and representatives and members of the administration were receiving communications from all sections of the country, indicating that 'The public sentiment almost universally favored the maintenance of the eight-hour day.'"

"The fact is," he continued, "the very threat of this nation-wide lock-out caused a big jump in the prices of food, coal and all the necessities of life and industry, and it is worthy of note that when the danger passed prices went back to normal."

Faced Task Patriotically.

"These are the things the President faced, and such the calamity he bravely, patiently, patriotically sought to avert. Who blames him? Mr. Hughes says he should have investigated the questions at issue before acting. They seem to think that although the house was on fire, the President should have thrown a bucket of water on it, instead of first putting it out and then investigating the cause."

Will Not Shrink from Issue.

"Mr. Hughes, hard driven, is appealing to powerful special interests. I am sorry to behold this spectacle in our public life. I am sure the President will not shrink from this issue. He has other things of vastly greater importance to talk about, but he can meet this issue without a shadow of apprehension."

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—By BUD FISHER.

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

Notable Increase in Building Operations in the City.

CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY

W. H. McClure of Washington Remodels Washington Hall Property. General and Personal News.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., September 20.—There is considerable building activity in this city, several buildings being in course of construction and plans and specifications prepared and submitted on structures on which it is hoped to start operations within the next thirty days.

Max Rosenfeld, who recently purchased the three-story brick dwelling and store known as 608 and 610 King street, has submitted to local builders plans and specifications for a handsome two-story store building and apartment, with basement, to be constructed on the site of the present structure. Following the completion of the existing building will be razed.

Washington Man's Plans.

W. H. McClure of Washington, who has just completed the ground floor of the old Washington Hall, on the south side of King street between Washington and St. Asaph streets, into two store buildings, has had plans completed for the remodeling of the two upper floors into six apartments which will contain six rooms each.

Business Building Begun.

E. G. Hefflin, architect and builder, of Alexandria, Va., has about completed the work of excavating for the foundation of a new mill to be erected at the southwest corner of Pitt and Wilkes streets for the Klots Silk Throwing Company. R. S. Cleveland of this city is superintendent of this work. The structure will be of two stories and basement. The basement will be constructed of concrete and the other portion of the building of brick. It will extend 100 feet on Wilkes street and sixty-four feet on Pitt street. It is stated the structure will cost approximately \$20,000.

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RETALIATORY MEASURE FOUND TO BE IMPERFECT

Defects in Enactment Relating to Clearance of Vessels Refusing United States Cargoes.

Proclamation by the President putting into effect the retaliatory legislation passed by Congress will be delayed by imperfections discovered in the measure.

It was stated today that the legislation authorizing the President to refuse clearance to vessels which decline to accept goods for any reason except lack of cargo space, takes into consideration neither the rights of belligerents nor the duties of neutrals.

It would authorize the withholding of clearance from a vessel which refused to accept contraband of war, notwithstanding the acceptance of such a cargo would make the vessel liable to capture and confiscation by a belligerent.

Other Defects Discovered.

The measure also fails to take into consideration, it was said, the fact that a Dutch or a Scandinavian ship might refuse to accept goods held to be contraband by the British government, although not recognized as contraband by the United States.

A neutral merchant ship, it was argued, might be justified in refusing to accept American goods for neutral European countries which are "rationed" by Great Britain, on the ground that to do so would make itself liable to forfeit coaling and other privileges enjoyed under arrangements with Great Britain, besides running the risk of interception at sea by British patrols and diversion to British ports, where the cargo would be thrown into the prize court.

Only One Inducement.

The only persuasion which might induce such a neutral vessel to accept goods from Holland and Scandinavia, it was said, would be assurance that an American naval convoy would be furnished to protect it from British patrols.

Burning of Zeppelins Denied.

BERLIN, September 20, by wireless to Sayville.—The Overseas News Agency says the recently published report that an aerodrome near Frankfurt was burned, causing the destruction of fifteen aeroplanes and four nearly completed Zeppelins, is untrue.

A Philadelphia electrician is the inventor of a portable motor-driven pipe-threading machine which is supplied with current by the storage batteries of an automobile.

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